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Frisco headline:

Timberline Toppers Busted *Suspected of Distributing Mind* *Altering Substances*

After the Timberline Toppers served free chili to all comers early this year, local authorities became suspicious.

As Frisco deputy Clem Kadiddlehopper phrased it:

“A big round guy was hollering some sort of code, and well over a hundred people marched around in circles. They all had silly grins and hugged every so often. We knew something was wrong.

“We got a team on the case and did some checking.

“According to one account, the big round guy was bare. Well, I’m glad to say that he was fully clothed when we got there.

“We found that this same activity occurred last year. Then they kept almost 40 people doing this crazy marching, hugging, and grinning thing for months. Months! On one chili dose! This is scary stuff.

“It looks like this year they’ve addicted another 60 citizens.

“Of course, we confiscated a couple of bowls of that chili. I

immediately sent one out for analysis in our crime lab. Nothing back yet, but I’m betting we’ll find plenty. Heck, they call themselves ‘Timberline Toppers’ and here we are almost 2,000 feet *below* timberline. What’s that tell you?

“More bad news: We’ve discovered that this same chili thing is spreading all over the Rockies.

“Up in Granby a sister cell, ‘Never Summer’ something hooked about 30 people. Imagine, 30 people in a small town like that! Similar reports have come in from Conifer and Salida. Where’s this gonna end? I’ve put a call in to the Governor.”

Always on the ball, this reporter did some tedious math. It seemed that one confiscated bowl of chili was unaccounted for. Clem then admitted, it didn’t go to the lab.

But, beyond that, Clem just grinned, gave the reporter a hug, and sashayed off.

